



## Cozy Season

The most wonderful  
time of the year is here.  
Grab your people  
close and indulge  
in a fashionable  
feast for the senses.  
Meet your guide:  
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# Good taste

We asked consummate hosts how to effortlessly balance fashion and function when throwing a fete

By Renée Tse

There's nothing more heartwarming than coming together with loved ones during the festive season, sharing a meal and some quality time. But a party—big or small—comes with its bumps behind the scenes, no matter how seasoned the host. Between putting together a menu, tablescapes and seating plan, welcoming guests and playing cocktail waitress—not to mention cooking and cleaning—what's a party-thrower to wear that will look great from prep work and greeting early arrivals all the way to bussing dessert plates and kissing the last-to-leave goodbye?

We posed that question to four stylish women known for their fun, fizzy gatherings, and learned a thing or two about how to dress when hosting a party this holiday season.

**JACKIE KAI ELLIS**

A quick scroll through Jackie Kai Ellis's Instagram shows just how spectacular her taste is. Kai Ellis, who divides her time between Vancouver and Paris, is a creative consultant, founder of Vancouver's Beaucoup Bakery, and the host of the advice podcast *You&I*. This year, she'll be holding her annual New Year's Eve board game night and preparing her go-to dish: raclette. "We tend to have really casual gatherings. I love the kind of party that's filled with friends that are like family," she says. "I love when guests feel so comfortable in our home that they can flip off their shoes by the door and open the fridge to get themselves a drink. I want them to feel like they are coming home, too."

**CLAUDIA FANCELLO**

The pasta chef and wine director at cool Montreal restaurant Etna Pastificio, Claudia Fancello, has a motto for hosting a fun soiree: "The more the merrier." While others will fuss over centrepieces, food is the main character of Fancello's tablescapes. "The table is always arranged with a beautiful selection of natural wine and nibbles: crudités, bacalà mantecato, cheese and crostini," she explains. "Once everyone sits down, I serve a plate of my homemade ravioli and my family's seafood stew." But don't expect Fancello to be dressed in her kitchen clothes at dinnertime. "I'm hustling a big part of the night, so I need comfort and practicality, but I also won't shy away from a bit of glamour."

**SASHA MEI AND AMY YU**

When it comes to hosting stylish parties, nobody does it like childhood friends Amy Yu and Sasha Mei. They bring people together for intimate gatherings through their Toronto-based supper club, Yu & Mei, where food and conversation take centre stage. For their recent holiday party, chef Raphael Ancheta created Filipino-inspired dishes, and to reflect the whimsy and wonder of the season the duo chose coordinated sheer, sparkly looks. "This seems to happen naturally, but we're also so entrenched in whatever theme we're envisioning that our outfits become a natural extension," they say. For them, the key word here is effortless: "We want to make sure our looks allow us to move with ease, as we're constantly bustling about."

**A PERFECT T-SHIRT**

"For a casual party with good friends, I often just wear a classic men's T-shirt and a pair of perfectly fitted jeans—a classic combination. If we were to host something a little more elegant, an easy dress is my go-to."

UNIQLO T-SHIRT, \$20, UNIQLO.CA

**SHEARLING SLIPPERS**

"A beautiful pair of shearling slippers from Cadine in Vancouver make a look so comfortable and elegant. I bought another pair to wear on warm early autumn days while running errands."

CADINE SLIPPERS, \$179, SHOPCADINE.COM

**CLASSIC BLUE JEANS**

"I consider whether I'll be wearing an apron, and choose an outfit that works with it—or can bear a few little cooking marks without needing a wardrobe change."

LEVI JEANS, \$118, LEVI.CO

**LOTS OF COLOUR**

"I love colour blocking—and nothing black. We live in dark times, and it gives me hope being surrounded by colour."

PARTOW DRESS, \$929, NET-A-PORTER.COM

**GLAM GOLD JEWELLERY**

"For these special nights, I love draping myself in as much gold jewellery as I can muster."

JENNY BIRD NECKLACE, \$250, JENNY-BIRD.CA

**A TRUSTY APRON**

"The most important thing is investing in an apron that you love. I have a classic dark denim one that I wear all the time. I whip it off after the first service and join the table with my loved ones."

OUR PLACE APRON, \$60, FROMOURPLACE.CA

**STYLISH FLATS**

"For shoes, we tend to stick to flats since we're running around a lot. We especially love Maguire's Prato styles because they look so elevated."

MAGUIRE SHOES, \$195, MAGUIRESHOES.COM

**A FLOWY DRESS**

"We gravitate toward dresses or flowy pieces, as they're more effortless to put together. Pragmatically speaking, they're also often easier to transport to venues, and require less time to put on in our limited time."

COS DRESS, \$450, COS.COM

**STANDOUT JEWELLERY**

"Dressing up is something we love to do. It makes an occasion more precious when you're thoughtful about what you're wearing, and we look forward to wearing something special, like unique pieces from Wolf Circus."

WOLF CIRCUS EARRINGS, \$160, MEJURI.COM

**MISSETTE TACANDLES**, \$166 (SET OF 4), MISSETTABLE.COM

Kickstart their party with this ready-to-mix espresso martini. Simply shake in the vodka (or milk), pour and garnish with a few coffee beans to greet guests.

WILLIAMS SONOMA ESPRESSO MARTINI COCKTAIL MIX, \$30, WILLIAMS-SONOMA.CA

Light them or don't—these hand-painted taper candles are works of art and will beautifully enhance their home's ambiance either way.

MISSETTE TACANDLES, \$166 (SET OF 4), MISSETTABLE.COM

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# N°5





Food personality  
Eden Grinshpan  
welcomes  
Olivia Stren into  
her home  
to talk cooking,  
connection  
and celebration

# House party



On a prematurely dark, curtain-closing sort of rainy Tuesday afternoon, the mood in Toronto is sullen and sleepy. Unless you're at Eden Grinshpan's house. When the host of *Top Chef Canada* greets me at her front door, I am soggy and bedraggled, my umbrella theatrically whipped inside out by cold winds. She, meanwhile, resembles a sunbeam, barefoot and exuding a bounding energy, almost camouflaged in her light, bright environment in a cream-coloured corduroy button-down and loose jeans.

Her home, which she shares with her husband, Ido (pronounced ee-do; even their names sound like they are betrothed), and their two daughters, has been freshly renovated by Toronto design darling Montana Burnett. It's a caressable sweep of nubby cream couches, tahini-hued travertine, sumptuous hand-knotted Moroccan rugs, sumac-coloured pottery and low-slung vintage chairs upholstered in heathered apricot terry cloth. I feel as if I've landed in a '70s Laurel Canyon bungalow, all tactile ease and low-key sex appeal. Grinshpan herself, with her long, middle-parted hair, reminds me of Ali MacGraw.

The kitchen is Grinshpan's sanctuary and her stage—the sun-braised backdrop to the cooking videos on her Instagram channel, where she goes by @edeneats, and newly relaunched website. We sit at the kitchen island, which is acres of so-called Corfu marble, patterned in mesmerizing waves of pebble grey and Himalayan salt pale pink, adorned with gigantic fruit bowls abounding in persimmons and lemons. Grinshpan has just finished recipe testing and shooting for a new series, *Boss Veg*. She offers me a plate, which I accept a little too quickly. It's roasted acorn squash seasoned with Aleppo peppers and lemon, and loaded with fennel, toasted quinoa and parm—the result is artful, vibrant and inventive, heaped with flavour and freshness.

Grinshpan has garnered a following for dishes like this one. Her spice-laced, Middle Eastern and Mediterranean-influenced fare is as playful, bright and bold as she is. Her 2020 cookbook was titled *Eating Out Loud*, and as Grinshpan explains at a signature volume that I will describe as substantial: "Ido was like, 'How do we explain you? You're really...LOUD!' And I'm like, YES, I'M LOUD. It's about eating with your hands and living large and getting dirty and unbuttoning your pants and getting messy. We're not precious here. We like to get in there!"

Grinshpan's cooking is, in many ways, a love letter to her family, culture and travels. Growing up in Toronto, she shopped at local grocers with her dad, eating Persian barbari flatbread and Turkish delight and tongue sandwiches from Yitz's deli. She spent summers in Israel, where her father is from, where she and her two sisters tucked into veggie-laden fluffy couscous on the beaches of Herzliya.

A high school Food Network-watching habit led to experimentation with baking, and she decided to enrol at London's Cordon Bleu, where she graduated with a "grand diplôme" in pastry and cuisine. What follows sounds like it slipped off the pages of Elizabeth Gilbert's *Eat, Pray, Love*, with an emphasis on the Eat. (We'll get to the Love part later). Grinshpan signed up for a course called Leap Now, for which she travelled to Dharamshala, India, where she stayed with a family in the Dalai Lama's temple and ate momos for lunch every day with eight Tibetan

monks. She trekked through the foothills of the Himalayas, volunteered at Mother Teresa's hospice in Varanasi, took a course in silversmithing, got her nose pierced, stayed on a houseboat in Kashmir and volunteered at an orphanage in Rishikesh. She backpacked through Vietnam, Thailand and Laos, worked at a restaurant in Israel, then returned to Rishikesh to open an Ina Garten-style café at the orphanage, which provided a source of income for the locals, slinging lemon loaf for tourists.

At her dad's (wise) suggestion, she made a video of her work at the café—a reel that would make its way to a New York City talent agent and kickstart her television career. Her shows *Eden Eats* and *Log On & Eat with Eden Grinshpan* screened on The Cooking Channel. Grinshpan took to the spotlight with openness and comfort; she seems as deeply comfortable in the larder as she is before the klieg lights.

As I listen to her story, I remark on her gameness, the fact that the course name Leap Now could serve as her MO. "I was just ready! I was just: Give it to me! Gimme!" Grinshpan liberally peppers her sentences with gimmes, a verbal code for her gluttony for experience, flavour and fun. This approach applied to romance, too. When she met Ido, they fell fast and got engaged a month after they met. "A lot of what motivates me is just: Why not? It's all about what's next. I have FOMO when it comes to opportunity and experience."

This appears to be a family trait. Throughout our chat, Grinshpan's 6-year-old daughter, Ayv, is sitting with us, home sick from school. She's wearing pink jammies patterned with breakfast foods (eggs, bacon, etc.), drawing cats and occasionally piping up, keen to be part of the show. About her grandfather, for example, she says, "Zadie inspired me to try prickly pear!" then "I always let Mama share my octopus legs!"

"We're all extroverts," Grinshpan remarks of Ayv's contributions. She describes Ido as "a glass half-full, singing-in-the shower guy." When Ido pops in to say hello, the couple have some (loud) laughs, look at each other adoringly and call each other "babe."

There's a photo of the two of them in *Eating Out Loud*: Grinshpan wears cantaloupe-coloured wide-leg pants and a vintage tee; Ido sings into a spoon as they stand next to their Wolf range, shakshuka bubbling on the stovetop. This scene might seem contrived, but having spent time in their kitchen, I now believe these are the kind of people—extroverts in love—who might legitimately lip-synch into flatware over cum-in-scented tomato sauce.

After a couple of hours in Grinshpan's company, what strikes me most is being witness to someone sincerely in alignment with themselves. Neuropsychologist Dr. Julia DiGangi, author of the book *Energy Rising*, defines wellness as a state of self-alignment, arguing self-care is not about long baths or spa visits but rather about behaving according to feeling.

I tend to dwell in a less comfortable place—my comfort zone is the chasm between what I thought life would or should be like and what it actually is. It occurs to me mid-acorn squash that it's slightly destabilizing, albeit also inspiring and intriguing, to be in the company of people who seem exactly where and how they should be. In fact, everyone here—including the olive trees in the solarium, surely the happiest olive trees in Toronto—appears to be thriving.

During the holidays, the family will be at home, celebrating Hanukkah. "We'll play dreidel with the girls and eat chocolate gelt, and I'll make latkes and never see them because Ido eats them all," says Grinshpan. There will be tobogganing and jazz. "I also love listening to Christmas music. So cozy."

Of course, being warm and cozy and safe at home is freighted with meaning right now, given the Israel-Hamas war. "I'm leaning into pride; I'm so proud of who I am as a Jewish mother, wife, sister and friend. I don't want to shy away from that. Now more than ever, I'm finding it important to honour and celebrate these Jewish traditions and pass them on to my kids," she says. "Food is love."



Two extroverts in love: Eden Grinshpan with her husband, Ido.  
SIMON MILLER DRESS, \$540, SSENSE.COM



Above: Grinshpan dances with her two young daughters.  
RIGHT: BEAUFILLE TOP, \$1595, SKIRT, \$1250, EARRINGS, \$480, BEAUFILLE.COM. BELOW: DRIES VAN NOTEN SWEATER, \$640, HOLTRENFREW.COM. SHYTHE SKIRT, \$495, SHOPMYTHE.CA. MAGUIRE SHOES, \$240, MAGUIRESHOES.COM



BOTTEGA VENETA SHIRT, \$2,540, HOLTRENFREW.COM.  
THE ROW JEANS, \$1,030, SSENSE.COM.  
BEAUFILLE EARRINGS, \$260, RING, \$635, BEAUFILLE.COM



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## Gimme, gimme

Eden's holiday wish list



"I love Sidia's products so much, from the candles to the body serum, scrub and hand exfoliant. I have them in every bathroom—the smell is just incredible. This candle set is what dreams are made of."

SIDIA CANDLE SET, \$194, SIDIATHEBRAND.COM

"Salt by Caza has the most incredible selection of bowls, glasses, furniture...they carry a little bit of everything. I get a million compliments on this bowl—I use it all the time for salads and I keep it on my shelf as decoration because it's just so beautiful."

SALT BY THE CAZA PROJECT BOWL, \$445 (14-IN., EACH), SALTBYTHECAZAPROJECT.COM



"The entire Arje website and gift guide is literally my dream: Arje everything, please! These pepper mills will add so much to your kitchen and will be the most beautiful gift for your chef friend. If you're looking for something other than a pepper mill, everything is stunning: their decanters, wine glasses, platters..."

ARJE PEPPER MILLS, \$390 (SET OF 3), ARJE.COM



"Food is love," says Eden Grinshpan, food influencer and cookbook author.

TOP: COS TOP, \$275, PANTS, \$360, NECKLACE, \$275, COS.COM. BEAUFILLE EARRINGS, \$350, RING, \$635, BEAUFILLE.COM. ABOVE: THE ROW DRESS, \$6,430, SSENSE.COM. BIRKS NECKLACE, \$1,160, MAISONBIRKS.COM. ON COVER: HOLTRENFREW.COM. BEAUFILLE EARRINGS, \$495, BEAUFILLE.COM. MEJURI RING, \$128, MEJURI.COM

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# THE GIFT OF BEAUTY

Discover the top skincare, makeup, haircare and fragrance gifts to share this season

Wondering what to give the beauty lovers on your list this season? Look no further! Whether it's makeup, skincare, fragrance or haircare, AERIN Beauty, Aveda, Bobbi Brown Cosmetics, Clinique, Estée Lauder, Jo Malone London, KILIAN Paris, La Mer, Origins, Smashbox, Too Faced and Tom

Ford have taken care to create magical special releases and limited-edition sets featuring some very legendary items. From the hero products we all know and love to exciting new discovery sets, there's something to delight everyone on your list this year. Here's a list of some of the top beauty gifts to give this year.

## SKINCARE



The ultimate skincare indulgence, this luxurious duo enriches skin with unparalleled moisture. The Concentrate is a super-potent serum that visibly calms skin while the comforting, skin-strengthening Crème de la Mer heals, hydrates and energizes.

**LA MER** THE SOOTHING MOISTURE COLLECTION, \$770



To make the most of a good night's rest, a bottle of Advanced Night Repair Serum is a gift that's sure to please anyone on your list. With seven key skin-renewing benefits, this multi-purpose powerhouse is like multiple serums in one, bringing intense, miracle-like results while you sleep.

**ESTÉE LAUDER** ADVANCED NIGHT REPAIR SERUM SYNCHRONIZED MULTI-RECOVERY COMPLEX, \$152



This choose-your-own-masking-adventure set includes five mini versions of Origins' best-selling masks. Make it a five-part spa night with effective formulas tailored to treat skin of all types, from boosting hydration to refining the look of pores.

**ORIGINS** GIFTS FOR ME-TIME FIVE MINI MASKING ESSENTIALS, \$29 (\$45 VALUE)



If lifting and firming is on your wish list this year, look no more! This gift set features four products to reduce the look of fine lines and wrinkles while significantly improving firmness, density and elasticity for a more lifted look and a healthy-looking glow.

**ESTÉE LAUDER** REVITALIZING SUPREME+ MOISTURIZER HOLIDAY SKINCARE SET, \$135



Stop dry skin before it starts this winter with this derm-approved Moisture Surge™ gift set. The Moisture Surge™ 100H Auto-Replenishing Hydrator provides long lasting hydration while the Overnight Mask nourishes while you sleep. And don't forget your lips! The Lip Hydro-Plump Treatment instantly moisturizes and smooths with lip-loving ingredients.

**CLINIQUE** MOISTURE SURGE™ MEGASTARS SET, \$65 (\$98 VALUE)



Canada's number one lip shade\* makes the perfect gift for everyone on your list, or a nice treat for yourself. This season's limited-edition, crystal-covered case is going to sell out fast, so get it before it's gone.

**CLINIQUE** BLACK HONEY ALMOST LIPSTICK HOLIDAY LIMITED EDITION, \$38

*\*Source: Circana, makeup lip colour item sales, 12 months ending September 2023*



## MAKEUP



Make it a treat every time they reach for their lip balm this winter with this limited-edition collection. It contains three travel sizes of intensely hydrating, rich and creamy balms infused with hyaluronic acid to keep lips from drying out.

**TOO FACED** WARM & SPICY: PILLOW BALM LIP BALM TRIO SET, \$45



It's easy to play up the eyes with this set, which features two miniature-sized swipe-and-go Longwear Cream Eyeshadow Sticks and a mini volumizing Smokey Eye Mascara. These buildable shades can be used to prime, line, define or highlight, allowing for multiple looks for any occasion.

**BOBBI BROWN COSMETICS** CITY STROLL MINI LONG-WEAR CREAM SHADOW STICK SET, \$39



Who doesn't love the smell of syrupy pancakes in the morning? Scented with maple syrup, this limited-edition eyeshadow palette features 18 warm shades to create all the most festive looks this season, from buttery mattes to rich, eye-catching metallics.

**TOO FACED** MAPLE SYRUP PANCAKES EYESHADOW PALETTE, \$73



An iconic product that has a permanent home in makeup kits around the world, this cruelty-free and vegan primer doesn't just smooth and blur for a photo-ready finish; it also nourishes skin with vitamins A and E, ideal for makeup lovers who put their skincare first.

**SMASHBOX** THE ORIGINAL PHOTO FINISH SMOOTH & BLUR PRIMER, \$52



Transform hair with this strengthening plant-powered repair haircare trio from Aveda. This limited-edition set features the Strengthening Shampoo, Strengthening Conditioner and Intensive Strengthening Masque: Light from the botanical repair line. Packaged with sustainability in mind in a reusable box designed by couturier Iris van Herpen, this trio provides instant results for stronger, shinier hair.

**AVEDA** BOTANICAL REPAIR STRENGTHENING ESSENTIALS LIGHT GIFT SET, \$77 (VALUE \$98)



High-performance vegan haircare brand Aveda has partnered with Dutch fashion designer and couturier Iris van Herpen on a special holiday capsule collection of ornamental hair accessories. This hair cuff and hair pin set and cosmetic pouch, along with beautifully designed limited-edition gift packaging, all draw inspiration from the wonders of the natural world to bring van Herpen's signature avant-garde couture style to hair.

**AVEDA X IRIS VAN HERPEN** LIMITED-EDITION HENOSIS HAIR PIN SET, \$79



## HAIRCARE

## FRAGRANCE



Nothing sparks the holiday mood quite like a cozy, wintery scent. This fragrance brings instant brightness with sweet orange and fresh mandarin before a splash of bitter orange reveals a sensual base of rich sandalwood and amber. It's also easily savoured at home with a matching candle.

**JO MALONE LONDON** ORANGE BITTERS, FROM \$107



To celebrate its 15th anniversary, KILIAN Paris has released this limited-edition holiday collection with a new design inspired by the Eiffel Tower, an homage to the house's distinctly French heritage. In refillable and travel sizes, the signature Love Don't Be Shy fragrance is joined by a special talisman.

**KILIAN PARIS** LOVE DON'T BE SHY ICON SET, \$450



For the fragrance aficionado who loves to spritz on the go, this set includes three different sizes of AERIN Beauty's velvety and alluring Amber Musk. Featuring a full size, travel spray and mini bottle, this decedent set comes in a festive box that's wrapped up in an equally luxurious red velvet bow.

**AERIN BEAUTY** AMBER MUSK GIFT SET, \$225



For a sultry season, look no further than this heady, classic floral scent. Combining essences of Turkish and Bulgarian rose with dark coffee, it's an experience designer Tom Ford describes as descending "into a hidden labyrinth, where rose's fine breeding gives way to darker pleasures."

**TOM FORD** CAFÉ ROSE, 30ML \$148, 50ML \$195, 100ML \$290





# Party toppers

When you want to put a little extra effort into your 'do, these glam hairstyle ideas will get you holiday ready

By Ingrid Williams

In order to stylishly seize the holiday season, you need to have a head-to-toe vision. "I've learned from fashion shows that it's all about a look coming together to create visual harmony," says hairstylist Mélanie Guille, an international fashion week fixture who assists legendary stylist Guido Palau backstage at Dior Haute Couture, Valentino, Schiaparelli and more; she also sees clients at Nice Place salon in Toronto. "Whether you're walking onto the runway or into a festive soirée, you want to feel confident, beautiful and express who you are. Your hair is not just an afterthought, it's a key player."

Here's how to recreate four chic styles from the red carpet, with Guille's expert guidance.



**VINTAGE VIBES** A cascade of Old Hollywood waves like America Ferrera's is instantly impressive. First, prep hair with a heat protectant, then volumizing mousse and then blow dry. "Apply the mousse mostly on the roots for lift, with a bit on the ends to give hair hold," says Guille. Once hair is dry, create a side part with a comb. "A very important element of this look is a clear deep part on the side," she says. Next, using a large-barrel curling iron, starting at the front, begin curling 1.5" sections away from your face. An attention to angles achieves the vintage feel. "Hold the iron diagonally," says Guille. "Holding it vertically will give you less volume; horizontally will lead to more." Allow it to cool, which helps the style last all night, then brush into uniform waves. "When you start brushing out the hair, all the curls are going to sit perfectly because they're all in the same direction," Guille says. "To keep the volume, make sure to gently brush up at the roots and not pull down." Set the look with hairspray.



**FUNCTION OF BEAUTY** WAVY HAIR ZERO GRAVITY STYLING MOUSSE, \$21, SHOP-SHOP-PERSDRUGMART.CA. **NEXXUS** MAXIMUM FINISHING MIST, \$20, SHOP-SHOP-PERSDRUGMART.CA



**DESIGN ME** GLOSS ME HAIR SERUM, \$32, DESIGNMEHAIR.CA. **SHEA MOISTURE** JAMAICAN BLACK CASTOR OIL STRONG HOLD STYLING GEL, \$15, WALMART.CA

**TEXTURE PLAY** Kerry Washington's swept-back curls highlight how contrasting textures can lead to ultra-elegant results. Nailing a clean, straight middle part is step 1. "For runway shows, the parting is a small detail that makes any hairstyle look elevated," says Guille. Then, apply a strong hold gel in even layers throughout the hair on top of the head for control, leaving the ends loose, before slicking back hair with your hands and gathering it into a low ponytail. Next, perfect the pouf, fluffing out the ends. "Seeing her natural texture at the front is part of what makes this so beautiful," says Guille. Use a thin curling wand to define any loose curls and finish with a touch of hair oil for extra shine. "Curly hair needs moisturizing more than any other hair type," she says. "Put a bit of oil into the palm of your hand and use your fingers to re-twist pieces."



**SCULPTURAL TOPKNOT** Don't be daunted by the thought of recreating Stephanie Hsu's artful twisted updo. "It's really about working the shape," says Guille, "I always twist the hair up, then down, creating an S shape or an infinity symbol. That works best almost every time." Begin by brushing hair into a tight ponytail right on top of your head, then run a small amount of medium-hold gel through the lengths to add shine and hold. Next, twist the ponytail into a curved shape. "You don't want to go too much around in a circle because the knot can go too high or look like a cone," says Guille. Use bobby pins to secure it as you go and leave the ends out, off to the side of your face. Rake a dab of lightweight hair cream through the ends to encourage piecey definition, a textural contrast to all your sleek work. Adorn the top knot with a few hair pins, choosing a contrasting tone to your hair colour to maximize the visual pop.



**REDKEN** PLIABLE PASTE, \$30, CHATTERS.CA. **EMI JAY** PEARL PIN SET, \$38, REVOLVE.COM



**MOROCCANOIL** DRY TEXTURE SPRAY, \$36, CA.MOROCCANOIL.COM. **H&M** HAIRBAND, \$12, WWW2.HM.COM

**MODERN BOUFFANT** For a glam yet modern moment, consider Nicola Coughlan's wispy bouffant. "It's not too coiffed; it looks like your hair when you've just woken up," says Guille. "It all comes down to volume and bend and how much back-combing you do." Apply a heat protectant and blow-dry to create lift at the roots. Then using a 1-in. curling wand all over, "curl pieces in alternating directions to give more body." Using your ears as a guideline, separate the front section on both sides and clip them, then back-comb small sections from the crown to the mid-back of the head, leaving a layer of un-teased hair in front. Brush this top layer of hair over the teased crown and pin it in place. Apply texture spray to the loose front and back sections. Pin the ends of the front sections to the back of your head for a half-up effect, twisting the ends slightly before pinning for more grip. Finally, slip on a headband before gently pulling out face-framing strands.



## Dior unveiled its Atelier of Dreams holiday popup at Yorkdale Shopping Centre

Dior is bringing the magic of Paris to Toronto's Yorkdale Shopping Centre this holiday season with the Dior Atelier of Dreams, an elegant fragrance gifting popup inspired by Les Tuileries Garden. Featuring Dior scents for him and her like Dior J'adore l'Or, Miss Dior and Sauvage, it's the season's must-visit destination to find the perfect gift for the most special loved ones on your list (and maybe yourself—we won't tell). Complete the luxurious experience with the Dior Art of Gifting services, which include spectacular gift wrapping as well as an engraving station where you can customize your gift.

To fete the launch on Nov. 17, Dior invited guests to toast the unveiling of the Dior Holiday Tree, a new star attraction at the mall that you can visit until the end of the year. Standing at 30 feet tall, the opulent white-and-gold display is befitting of the House of Dior and is adorned with more than 3,000 handmade floral ornaments, 320 butterfly ornaments, 260 illuminated fragrance bottles and some 1,500 lights. It was designed by Italian artist Peitro Ruffo, who drew inspiration from the garden's golden gates, octagonal basin and breathtaking statues to recreate the fairytale-like qualities of the Tuileries in tree form. Dream on indeed!

Here, we share some highlights from the Dior Atelier of Dreams, open now through Jan. 3.

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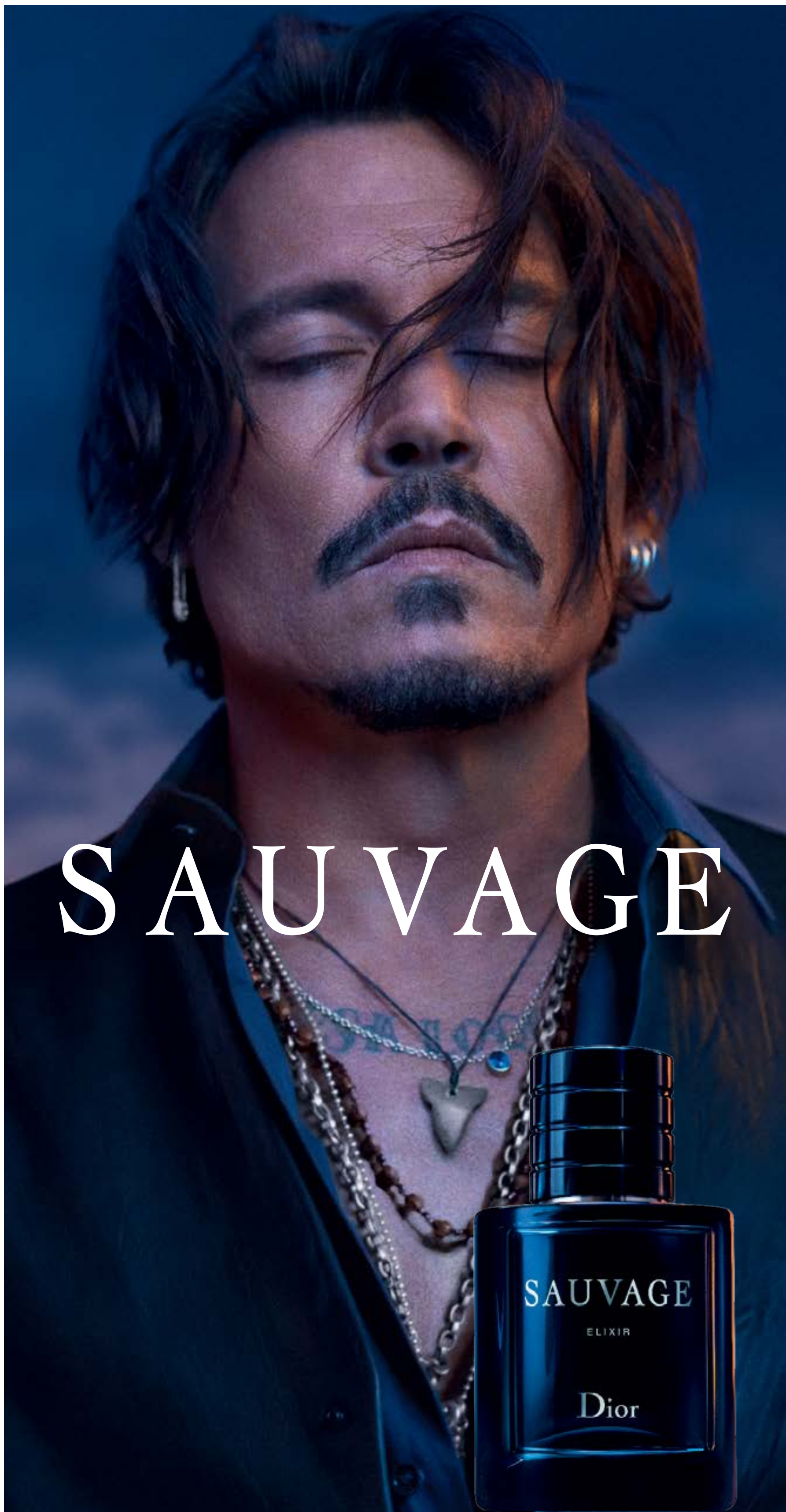


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